

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Community Health Agency, Department of Public Health / EMS Agency

SUBMITTAL DATE:
December 9, 2005

SUBJECT: Riverside County EMS Plan-2005 Update

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Receive and file the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Plan-2005 Update.
- 2) Direct the EMS Agency to send the document to the State EMS Authority for their records.

BACKGROUND: In 1994 the Board of Supervisors approved the County's first EMS Plan. Since that time updates have been required and in 1998, at the direction of the Board-appointed Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC), the EMS Agency and EMS system stakeholders developed the EMS Plan Assessment. This document was approved by the Board of Supervisor and submitted to the State EMS Authority in May 1999 and approved in 2002. Since that time, a comprehensive update has been completed resulting in the EMS Plan-2005 Update. This document reflects numerous hours of cooperation among EMS participants, which included personnel from ambulance providers, fire departments, hospitals, law enforcement, city and county agencies.
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Director of Public Health

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	05/06

SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A

Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature

Dan Martinez

- Policy
- Policy
- Consent
- Consent

Dept's Recomm.:
Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 2.6 06/29/99

District: All

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Background (continued)

This updated EMS Plan indicates how our system measures up to established standards and guidelines. It gives our EMS participants direction for keeping our EMS System current and poised for future growth. The Executive Summary highlights major accomplishments and future challenges for Riverside County's EMS system. Major recent accomplishments to our EMS system include: the formation of the Prehospital Medical Advisory Committee; the provisional designation of Riverside County Regional Medical Center as a Level II Pediatric Trauma Center; the trauma plan revision in 2001; the branching out of the Injury Prevention Program and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response; the establishing of new contracts with American Medical Response, Blythe Ambulance Service and Idyllwild Fire Protection District; the involvement in research through the JAMA published Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) study, the Amiodarone (ARRIVE) study, the Continuous Positive Air Pressure (CPAP) study, the Melker Kit Needle-Cricothyrotomy study, and the 12 lead EKG study; and the coordination of the Annual Southern California EMS Conference since 2001.

Future challenges mentioned in this EMS Plan update will be: the continued diligence in addressing the hospital overcrowding in Riverside County; the educating of the public in appropriate use of 9-1-1; the completion and full implementation of a countywide data system; the development and updating of agreements with all emergency medical providers, receiving facilities and base hospitals; the implementation of a countywide Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) plan according to the State Emergency Medical Services Authority's new guidelines; working towards increased surge capacity in the County's response to a disaster; and mitigating the impact that decreasing mental health resources has on the EMS system.

The EMS system's stakeholder involvement in this EMS Plan update and the information it provides makes it a valuable tool for Riverside County's EMS participants. It is the collaborative efforts and this planning process among the EMS providers in Riverside County that helps to reinforce the direction this plan provides for our system's future growth. The development process of the updates is what enhances this EMS plan making it a template for the challenges ahead.